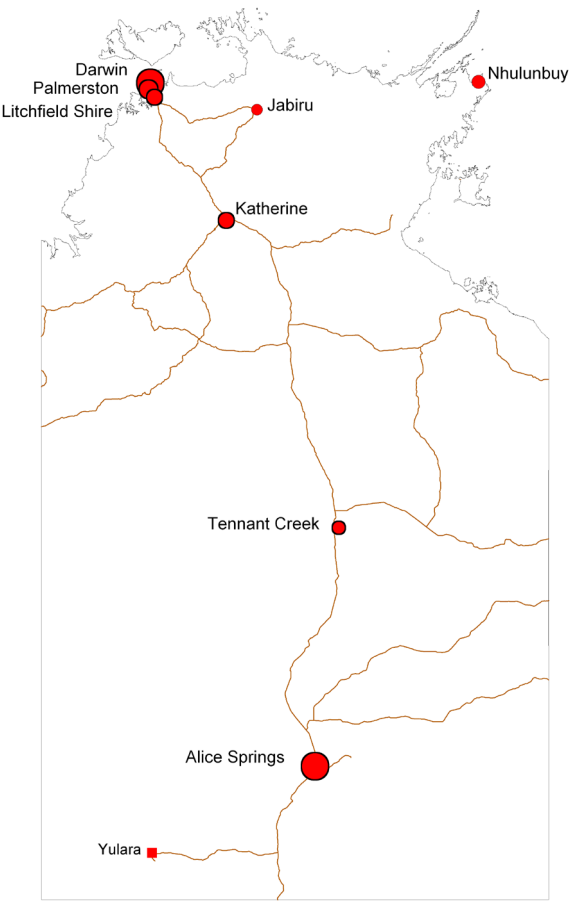




# *2009* Northern Territory at a glance

The Northern Territory comprises a land area of 1 346 200 km<sup>2</sup>. It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population. Compared to other states and territories, the Northern Territory has a relatively young population (median age of 31) and a higher proportion of Indigenous people (approximately 30%). The Northern Territory has the highest ratio of males to females of the states and territories, with an estimated 108 males per 100 females.

Darwin is the capital city of the Northern Territory, and is the largest of all the towns and cities, with an estimated population of 73 754. Palmerston is the second largest, with a population of 28 030. The centres of these two cities are approximately 21 kilometres apart by road. Alice Springs is the third largest population centre, with a population of 27 481.



## DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Resident Population at 30 June **2007r** **2008p**

### Local Government Area

Alice Springs	no.	26 985	27 481
Barkly <sup>1</sup>	no.	7 766	7 924
Belyuen	no.	201	202
Central Desert	no.	4 544	4 644
Coomalie	no.	1 255	1 268
Darwin	no.	72 819	73 754
East Arnhem	no.	9 497	9 653
Katherine	no.	9 846	9 912
Litchfield	no.	17 385	18 277
MacDonnell	no.	6 893	6 999
Palmerston	no.	26 574	28 030
Roper Gulf	no.	6 580	6 718
Tiwi Islands	no.	2 500	2 487
Victoria-Daly	no.	6 590	6 699
Wagait	no.	328	326
West Arnhem	no.	6 544	6 644
Unincorporated NT <sup>2</sup>	no.	8 497	8 800
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>214 804</b>	<b>219 818</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Tennant Creek with a population of 3 423 in 2007 and 3 494 in 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Nhulunbuy with a population of 4 623 in 2007 and 4 849 in 2008.

### Estimated Resident Population by age (years) at 30 June 2008p

		<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
0–4	no.	9 267	8 826
5–14	no.	17 695	16 511
15–24	no.	17 906	16 383
25–64	no.	63 174	58 882
65+	no.	5 955	5 219
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>113 997</b>	<b>105 821</b>

### Experimental Estimated Resident Indigenous Population by age (years) at 30 June 2006<sup>1</sup>

		<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
0–4	no.	3 982	3 792
5–14	no.	7 547	7 111
15–24	no.	6 368	6 290
25–64	no.	12 915	14 141
65+	no.	702	1 157
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>31 514</b>	<b>32 491</b>

<sup>1</sup> Final estimates based on 2006 Census.

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## DEMOGRAPHY

Vital Statistics		2006	2007
Indigenous births	no.	1 565	1 595
Total births	no.	3 696	3 894
Rate per 1 000 population		17.5	18.1
Indigenous deaths	no.	452	461
Total deaths	no.	932	1 001
Rate per 1 000 population		4.4	4.7

## EDUCATION

		2007	2008
Primary and secondary schools	no.	180	182
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 985	3 118
Full-time students	no.	38 271	39 057

## LABOUR MARKET

Labour Force (trend)		Feb. 2008	Feb. 2009
Employed persons	no.	112 100	116 700
Unemployed persons	no.	5 300	4 900
Unemployment rate	%	4.5	4.0
Labour force	no.	117 400	121 600
Participation rate	%	73.1	73.8
Civilian population aged 15 and over	no.	160 700	164 800
Average Weekly Earnings (trend)		Nov. 2007	Nov. 2008
All males total earnings	\$	1 026.60	1 094.70
All females total earnings	\$	763.50	794.10
All employees total earnings	\$	893.00	932.60
		2006–07	2007–08
Wage Price Index <sup>1</sup> (original)	% change	3.9	3.9

<sup>1</sup> Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses.

## INDUSTRY SECTOR

		Aug. 2001	Aug. 2006
Commonwealth Government	no.	8 902	8 345
State/Territory Government	no.	13 744	13 711
Local Government	no.	1 127	4 015
Private sector	no.	52 481	59 381
CDEP <sup>1</sup>	no.	5 656	na

<sup>1</sup> Not identified separately in 2006.

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### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Feb. 2009 (original)	'000	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.7	2.3
Mining	4.6	4.0
Manufacturing	4.7	4.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	1.6	1.4
Construction	9.4	8.2
Wholesale and retail trade	15.4	13.4
Accommodation and food services	5.8	5.0
Transport, postal and warehousing	5.6	4.9
Information media and telecommunications	2.2	1.9
Finance and insurance services	2.3	2.0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	1.4	1.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	4.6	4.0
Administrative and support services	4.2	3.6
Public administration and safety	19.0	16.5
Education and training	10.6	9.2
Health care and social assistance	11.5	10.0
Arts and recreation services	4.0	3.5
Other services	5.7	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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### PRICES – Darwin

		2006–07	2007–08
Consumer Price Index	% change	4.4	3.5
Established House Price Index	% change	15.8	r9.0

Average Retail Prices		Dec. qtr 2007	Dec. qtr 2008
Milk (2 litre bottle)	\$	3.94	4.17
Bread white loaf, sliced <sup>1</sup> (650g-750g)	\$	3.74	3.97
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285ml glass)	\$	3.19	3.30
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	\$	1.41	1.40

<sup>1</sup> 650g-700g in Dec. qtr 2007.

### OVERSEAS TRADE

		2007	2008p
Total value of NT imports	\$m	r2 586.1	3 702.3
Total value of NT exports	\$m	3 873.5	5 840.9

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## AGRICULTURE & FISHING – Exports

		2007	2008p
Live cattle	no.	r318 091	388 329
Live cattle	\$'000	r204 027.5	242 214.2
Meat	\$'000	510.4	312.9
Fruit and nuts	\$'000	892.2	1 148.9
Vegetables	\$'000	15.4	9.5
Fish	\$'000	393.1	370.7
Raw hides and skins of saltwater crocodiles	\$'000	5 174.9	8 233.5

## MINING – Industry

		2005–06	2006–07
Persons employed at 30 June <sup>1</sup>	no.	r1 797	1 397
Wages and salaries <sup>1</sup>	\$m	r189	169
Value of mineral commodities produced	\$m	4 042	5 244

<sup>1</sup> Excludes exploration and other mining support services.

Mineral exploration expenditure		2006–07	2007–08
Petroleum exploration	\$m	279.4	263.8
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	92.2	132.7
Gold	\$m	np	35.6
Uranium	\$m	30.1	48.7
Diamonds	\$m	8.3	5.6

## TRANSPORT

		2007	2008
Sales of new motor vehicles (original)	no.	9 920	10 662
Vehicles registered at 31 March		2007	2008
Motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	no.	113 813	118 056
Motor cycles	no.	4 365	4 930

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, Motels, Guest Houses and Serviced Apartments (15 or more rooms)		Sep. qtr 2008	Dec. qtr 2008
Establishments	no.	95	95
Persons employed	no.	3 253	3 037
Takings from accommodation	\$m	86.2	55.4
Room occupancy rate	%	78.2	60.2

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## RETAIL TRADE – Selected Industries

Turnover (original)		2007r	2008r
Food retailing	\$m	1 028.1	1 124.7
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	109.7	111.2
Household good retailing	\$m	345.8	390.7
Cafés, restaurants, takeaway food services	\$m	248.3	269.2
<b>Total all industries<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>2 128.8</b>	<b>2 383.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> For included industries see Retail Trade Quarterly Indicators, Australia, Dec. 2008 (cat. no. 8502.0).

## CONSTRUCTION

Building Approvals (original)		2006–07	2007–08
Total new houses	no.	761	587
Total new other residential building	no.	693	568
Total residential building	\$m	471.1	441.0
Total non-residential building	\$m	264.9	509.9
<b>Total building</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>735.9</b>	<b>950.9</b>

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## CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 716.1	279.6
Mean annual temperature			
minimum	°C	23.2	13.2
maximum	°C	32.0	28.7
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	71	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	25

Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper Valley on 15 April 1963.

Highest daily maximum temperature 48.3 °C was recorded at Finke Post Office on 1 and 2 January 1960.

Lowest daily minimum temperature -7.5 °C was recorded at Alice Springs Airport on 17 July 1976.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2009, Darwin, <[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)>

### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

CDEP	Commonwealth Development Employment Program	p	preliminary data
		r	revised data
g	grams	qtr	quarter
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometres	%	per cent
ml	millilitres	'000	thousands
mm	millimetres	\$'000	thousand dollars
no.	number	\$	dollars
np	not available for publication	\$m	million dollars
		°C	degrees Celsius
na	not available		

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- Visit the ABS website – [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au) – to access a wide range of statistics on Australia's economy, environment, industry and people.
- Contact the National Information and Referral Service (NIRS) on 1300 135 070 for assistance in using the website or to obtain access to basic statistical information.
- Contact the ABS Northern Territory Office (08 8943 2100) to speak to a consultant about tailoring a data request to your specific needs. We call this our Information Consultancy service\*.

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## Interested in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics?

- Advice and assistance. The ABS Northern Territory Office has a specialist area – the National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics (NCATSIS) – that is happy to advise and assist you in finding, understanding and using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics.
- Training and engagement program. The ABS Northern Territory Office employs an Indigenous Engagement Manager who visits Aboriginal communities (both urban and remote) to provide statistical training, facilitate survey and Census activities and return statistical information.

For further information about services related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics freecall NCATSIS on 1800 633 216.

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